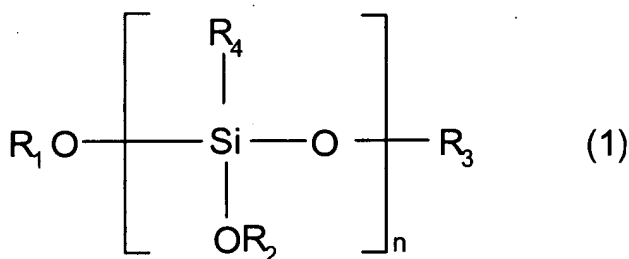


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a composite comprising a ~~heat-resistant~~ polyparaphenylene terephthalamide fiber and a siloxane polymer, which comprises

coating or impregnating a polyparaphenylene terephthalamide ~~heat-resistant~~ fiber with a solution ~~containing~~ comprising a compound represented by the following formula (1):

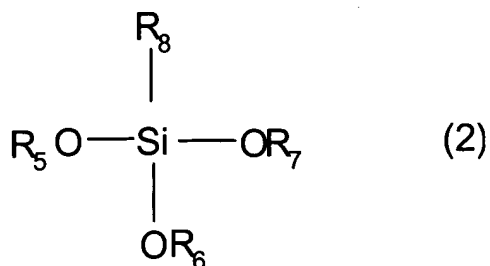


(~~wherein~~ wherein n represents an integer of 2 to 10; R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ may be each the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and R₂ and R₄ may be each the same or different every repetition ~~unit~~), unit, a catalyst for curing the compound represented by the formula (1), wherein the catalyst is an organic metal compound selected from the group consisting of a metal acid ester of titanium, a metal acid ester of zirconium, and an organic tin compound and, optionally, reaction water, and

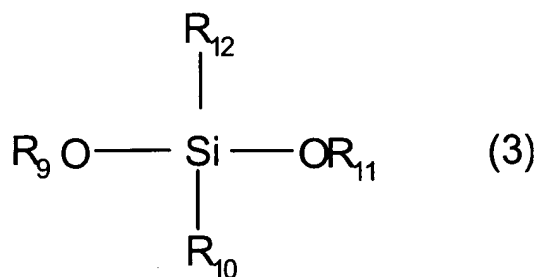
curing the compound represented by the formula (1),

wherein the solution does not comprise a cross linking agent.

6. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 5, wherein the solution further ~~contains~~ comprises at least one kind of a compound selected from the group consisting of a compound represented by the formula (2):



(~~wherein~~ wherein R_5 , R_6 and R_7 may be each the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group of 2 to 10 carbon atoms or a ~~C_{1-6} alkoxy- C_{1-4} alkyl~~ C_{1-6} alkoxy- C_{1-4} alkyl group, and R_8 represents an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group of 2 to 10 carbon atoms or an aryl group of 6 to 20 carbon atoms, and one or more hydrogen atoms of each of said groups may be substituted with an epoxy group, a glycidyl group, an amino group, a methacryl group, an acryl group, an ureido group, a mercapto group or an isocyanate group directly or via an intervening ~~group~~), group, a condensate in which two or more molecules of the compound represented by the formula (2) are ~~condensed~~ (provided condensed, provided that the compound represented by the formula (1) is ~~excluded~~), excluded, a compound represented by the formula (3):



(~~wherein~~ wherein R_9 , R_{10} , R_{11} and R_{12} may be each the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms or an alkenyl group of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, and among them, one or both of R_{10} and R_{12} may be an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group of 2 to 10 carbon atoms or an aryl group of 6 to 20 carbon atoms, one or more hydrogen atoms of each of said groups may be substituted with an epoxy group or a glycidyl group directly or via an intervening ~~group~~), group, and a condensate in which two or more molecules of the compound represented by the formula (3) are condensed.

7-12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) The process according to claim 5, wherein the solution does not comprise reaction water.

14. (New) The process according to claim 5, wherein the organic metal compound is selected from the group consisting of tetrapropoxy titanate, tetrabutoxy titanate, tetrapropoxy zirconate, dibutyltin diacetate and dibutyltin dilaurate.

15. (New) The process according to claim 5, wherein the organic metal compound is selected from the group consisting of tetrabutoxy titanate and dibutyltin diacetate.